**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PATHWAY**

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

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**Any concern for sexual abuse or assault**
- Unexplained anogenital bleeding, discharge, or injury
- Concern from caregiver
- Disclosure from child

*For any assistance or questions, Project Harmony (PH) is available at 402-595-1326*

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**Stabilize patient medically**

**Contact Social Work (SW)**
**Contact Law Enforcement (LE) & Child Protective Services (CPS) if indicated**

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**What is patient's gender and sexual development?**

- **MALE/PREMENARCHAL FEMALE**
- **MENARCHAL FEMALE**

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**When was the patient last in contact with perpetrator?**

- **< 72 hours**
- **> 72 hours**
- **> 120 hours**
- **< 120 hours**

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**ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues**

**Transfer to Project Harmony as directed by LE**

**No genital exam is necessary unless patient has bleeding, discharge and/or pain**
- *For Menarchal female, obtain pregnancy testing; For Menarchal females and males, obtain urine STI and consider serum testing after discussion with patient and/or caregiver*
- *Project Harmony is available for questions but contact is not necessary*

**Inform LE that a rape kit may be warranted at Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony**
**Inform Project Harmony for follow-up and advocacy**

**SW will obtain a release from family for Project Harmony**
**Discharge patient per LE**

**Transfer patient to Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony as directed by LE**

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**If at any time, medical staff is concerned that law enforcement does not understand the need for forensic exam, Project Harmony is available for assistance**

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Essential Responsibilities of 1st provider:

- CPS, LE, and SW referrals
  - CPS referral information is detailed in Abuse, Information to be Reported to Child Protective Services Procedure, PC02 policy
  - In ED, Utilize Assessing for and Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect Sexual Assault, ED-C20
  - In UC, Utilize the Child Abuse/Neglect, URG049 policy
  - In CP, utilize the Abuse, Assessment and Documentation, PC 01 policy
  - Social work to follow the Child Abuse/Neglect, 617-007 policy
- Explain the process to the patient and caregivers of upcoming steps

Human Trafficking Concerns
NE Human Tracking Taskforce Tip Line: 833-PLS-LOOK (833-757-5665)
- Nebraska specific tips for human tracking reporting and other questions
National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

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